

Poynton Parish Church March 2015

Home Group Notes 8

Being a friend of Jesus John 15:12-17

Introduction

In this section where Jesus calls himself the vine, he is looking for friends who are fruitful. This second section of Ch.15 has some helpful guidance for those considering what a friend is.

1. In order to be your friend, do I need to do anything more than say you are my friend?
2. **Read John 15:12-14** In order to be a friend of Jesus, do I need to do anything more than say he is my friend?
3. Look at v.12. Where, earlier in the gospel, have we come across this command to love one another?
4. How has this teaching affected your life in the last few weeks?
5. Why do you think Jesus mentions it so much?
6. How can we practically help one another to make progress in this area?
7. How is it that Jesus' command leads to friendship and not to slavery?
8. Do you think of yourself as a slave of Jesus or a friend of Jesus?
9. Do friends tell one another everything?
Has Jesus told us everything?
10. When you measure your love for others, what do you measure it against? What should you measure it against?
11. **Read vv.15-17** What is it in v.16 that shows that the 'fruit' being talked about has to do with the outside world?

12. Did you choose to follow Jesus? Are you sure?
13. On some British products there is a royal coat of arms and the words 'by royal appointment'. E.g. they make marmalade for the queen. What is our royal appointment from God? What is God's purpose for his people while they remain on earth?

Thank the Lord for his offer of friendship

Confess any shortcoming with regard to Jesus' call to love one another

Pray for our PCC discussing future partnerships in India

Pray for us to be humble about our friendship with Jesus by always remembering that he chose us